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SHIP CONSTRUCTION

3. About four six-thousand-ton merchant ships were moored by the fitting-out wharf at the shipyard [REDACTED]

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CITY DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION

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many undesirable elements of the population migrated to the new Polish territories taken from Germany after the Second World War. The central government did not provide the material necessary to reconstruct the war damage, favoring the reconstruction of the old Polish territories first. As a result, the unsettled population became despondent over prospects for progress. Because of lack of spirit, the undesirable elements of the population, and the lack of supplies, very little reconstruction was done until last year, when the central government decided to allocate more material to the new territories.

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Now reconstruction is proceeding at a much faster pace because of more supplies and because the population is more settled. The people are still afraid that the material allocations may be withdrawn, so they work harder to accomplish what they can while the material is available.

POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND ATTITUDES

5. The people are deathly afraid of the Stalinist element of the Polish Communist Party. They fear to discuss politics in public places and glance around in coffee houses to see if they can recognize members of the secret police.
6. The people realize that they have an economic tie to other satellite nations. They also feel that they are members of a Middle European pan-Slavic cultural group. They hate the Russians intensely because of the Katyn massacre, the crushing of the Hungarian revolt, Russia's failure to help the Warsaw uprising, and because they resent the supposed cultural superiority of the USSR.
7. The people are satisfied with the present Communist regime because they have seen the failure of democracy in Central Europe.

EXCHANGE RATES AND PRICES

8. The official exchange rate is 24 zlotys per US dollar but the black market rate is 100 zlotys per dollar. A pair of the cheapest shoes cost 500 zlotys and a pair of good shoes cost 1200 zlotys.

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